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NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR SENTENCED
FOR SERVING ILLEGAL WILDFOWL

A Federal game law violation case, involving people from California to New York City and taking more than a year to complete has been closed with a Leavenworth Federal penitentiary sentence for Jack Horner, proprietor of the famous Gingham Inn outside of Fort Worth, Tex., the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced today.

Horner, who operated a night club on Jacksboro highway, catered to a wealthy and prominent clientele. People from all over the country ate wild duck, quail, plover, dove, and other wild birds at his inn. The birds were available in season and out. Horner purchased them from market gunners in great quantities over a period of years. In addition to serving them, he wholesaled his illegal product.

U. S. Biological Survey officials say that Horner was the top man in an agency that destroyed many waterfowl and upland game birds. It is estimated that the normal number of legitimate hunters from several counties would take less in one whole season than this man bootlegged annually.

The Horner case has attracted national interest since the Biological Survey began investigations, and Audubon societies, sportsmen's clubs, and magazine and newspaper editors over the entire country have been urging prosecution of the case. Under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act the buyer of wild game also may be prosecuted.

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